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An Evening Echo.

All things that are good and beautiful make us more religious.
—BACONSFIELD.

The fact that old man Ehret, the Rip Van Winkle of Salem, is still out of the asylum does not speak very well for the efficiency of his government there.

The editor of the Salem Express is mistaken about the Telegram's wanting him to die as this newspaper does not want him to owing to his state of unpreparedness.

Woodrow Wilson declares that his mind, like a train, cannot run upon more than one track at a time. The trouble with him is that he does not seem to be able to get off the same old piece of track.

The editor of the Salem Express antedates himself. Recently the Telegram called him a back number and in the latest issue of his sheet the Express editor declares the expression is a compliment.

The big grandstand play now is that the Democrats promised to reduce appropriations and that they are now carrying out their pledge. In order to make the pretense of fulfilling the pledge they first made the appropriations so tremendously high that they had to be cut down.

So large and great and successful was the Republican dollar harmony dinner at Wheeling, that the Democratic state machine press is showing signs of great perturbation. That press hates to see Republicans dwelling together in peace as it is a sure sign of Democratic defeat.

The Wheeling dollar harmony dinner indicated that the blasts of winter will strike terror to the Democratic heart in the fall election. The Democratic state machine should emulate the ground hog by crawling back into hole and staying there forever to avoid the chills it will surely experience next fall.

Old man Ehret out at Salem says he hopes to be there a thousand years yet "to tell the truth and help elect the best men to office." The old moss-back doubtless means that he would have to live there a thousand years before he could arrive at the point where he could tell the truth. He does not know a good man for office when he sees him.

Governor Wilson's manager says that the governor has nothing to conceal; that every detail of his campaign can be made public, every single contribution disclosed. This is cheap talk. Of course these things can be done but they will not, at least not during the presidential campaign and after that it is over nobody will care anything about them.

So far Senator Clarence W. Watson has not declared for John J. Davis as a delegate-at-large to the Baltimore convention. Senator Watson should do this to show additional sincerity in his suggestion that every Democrat be given a chance to go to the United States Senate next time. It is scarcely believed that the venerable Democrat herein mentioned would be such a firm believer in reciprocity as to declare for Senator Watson for anything. But, that need not deter Mr. Watson in pushing his party "harmony" movement.

An act in connection with the Laistetter building fire at a late

hour of night when almost everyone was asleep is worthy of special mention. It was on the part of the night operator of the Bell Telephone Company, who called up the owners of the property where the fire was, whom she could reach by telephone and apprized them of the fire that they might rush to the scene and protect their property.

An Annual Statement.

In this issue of the Telegram is published the annual statement of the Southern States Mutual Life Insurance Company with its headquarters at Charleston, this state.

This is a home state company and its progress the six years of its existence speaks strongly for its popularity, the confidence the public has in it, and its splendid management. An especially magnificent record was made the year just ended as the statement published herein shows.

The progress it is making as well as the fact that it is a home company should appeal to all West Virginians to the extent of giving it a liberal patronage and feeling assured that the investment will grow into money amply repaying the original amount.

The business and management of the Southern States Mutual Life Insurance Company are spoken highly of by representatives of other companies and it occupies a prominent place in the insurance circles of the state. Its annual statement is well worth reading and persons desiring insurance may well consult some representative of the company.

Our Preserving Health.

Dr. Wiley's declaration that the human body in health is the greatest of germicides is worth taking to heart, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin, which publishes the following interesting amplification of the doctrine:

You are bound to encounter germs. Take reasonable precaution to thwart them. Above all take the precaution of keeping your human body in health.

To insure this do not get "run down." One essential to this end is to eat pure food and enough of it. The body must be nourished. Another is to breathe pure air and to take adequate exercise. Secure sufficient sleep. This last precaution is as essential as the others, but it means a different thing for different people, as the requisite amount of sleep depends upon the age and constitutional of the individual. The number of hours of sleep required to keep in the best condition must be judged by each person for himself, but the proper average is eight out of the twenty-four.

Another excellent general rule to preserve health is: Be regular. The body is like a clock, and those clocks keep the best time and go longest without getting out of order which are wound at regular intervals. Being punctual at meals is the surest method of evading the long train of evils possible in connection with the function of digestion. Regularity in hours of retiring and rising goes far toward guarding against insomnia.

A Child Labor Hero.

Senator Chilton's maiden effort in the federal senate chamber, made only a few days ago, was, in accordance with Democratic principles, a wall of protest and denunciation. He spoke against a bill that carried a comparatively small appropriation for promoting the suppression of child labor. The Parkersburg-Dispatch News thus recounts this glorious piece of statesmanship:

The Congressional Record of January 30 contains Senator Chilton's maiden forensic effort, a speech against the enactment of the children's bureau bill into law. In our yesterday's issue there was an article briefly mentioning Senator Chilton's opposition, fully and fairly explaining the purposes of the bill, and advocating its passage, because there was no sound reason why it should not prevail. At the very time the editorial was being written, the Senate was passing the bill, but not with the help of the votes of either of the West Virginia senators. Why Mr. Watson opposed it, we do not know because he made no statement concerning his opposition. Mr. Chilton did, in quite a lengthy speech.

He opposed it because it was (1) unconstitutional, (2) because it involved a tendency toward federal encroachment and state's rights, (3) "The people of my state expect me to do what I can to reduce the heavy

burden of government rather than increase those burdens. The party to which I belong is also under a pledge to the people to reduce taxation as far as possible. Assuredly I can not redeem that pledge by voting an expense upon the government regarding a matter upon which it is conceded the government can do nothing in the way of legislation. To do so would be to needlessly expend public money."

This bill carried the trivial, absurdly playunish, and infinitesimal sum of \$25,000. The Senate passed the bill by a substantial majority. Senator Chilton's arguments had little weight in that body, that is plainly apparent. And they will have very little weight in West Virginia when they are read.

There have been efforts made in this state to secure a system of modern laws sufficient to adequately protect the children, but every effort has been met with determined, organized opposition. It came from the lawyers and the lobbyists of mine owning corporations particularly, some factory owners, and these directly affected interests had the fraternal assistance of the balance of the brotherhood. What few laws we have for the care and protection of children are lacking teeth, and are disregarded whenever and wherever it suits to disregard them. Our child labor laws are flagrantly violated. Tragic and despicable is the insolent contempt with which these laws are treated in the coal regions.

Mr. Chilton's sympathies for the constitution, for the state's rights, and the poor government which is liable to bankruptcy if \$25,000 a year be saddled on it, fail to impress one as the real reason of his opposition to this law. Naturally, we wonder if his colleague placed his opposition on such elevated grounds of patriotism and constitutional statesmanship.

MURDER CAUSES BITTER FEELING

In the Town of Richwood against Those Who Took Life of Hamrick.

The Nicholas Republican gives the following detailed account of a murder committed at Richwood Wednesday night, mention of which was made Thursday by the Telegram:

Shortly after 12 o'clock (midnight) last night French Hamrick was killed in front of the new Richwood Banking and Trust Company building, and as a result of the killing Nelson Myers and his two sons, Harry and Henry Myers, are now in the city jail charged with the murder of Hamrick.

The facts as we get them from W. H. Craig, the only living witness to the tragedy outside of the accused parties are to the effect that Hamrick and two of the Myers—Nelson and Harry—met there in front of the bank just about 12 o'clock and had some words and Harry—the younger of the two—said to his father, "You are not going to let him get away?" This, Craig avers, was repeated a time or two, and as Hamrick turned away, he—Myers stepped off the bank steps from where he was standing, and taking a club from under his overcoat, struck Hamrick over the head with such force as to knock him down.

Craig says that when Hamrick fell and rolled off the sidewalk, young Myers dealt him another blow, and that the old gentleman, who had been standing by with an open knife, remarked, "Don't kill him."

Dr. Veon, whose term of office as mayor had expired only a few minutes prior to the occurrence, Edgar Sparks, the incoming mayor, and L. A. Thomas, the justice, were notified and were soon on the scene, and finding that life was extinct at once put officers on the hunt of the Myers and found them together in a small building on the alley near the old postoffice building. They were arrested and placed in the lockup and a guard stationed over them. We understand that Harry Myers is going to try to prove an alibi, and claims that it was his brother, Henry, who was present, according to a warrant was issued for his arrest, and before the warrant was served he came in and surrendered to the authorities. He was, however, by order of the justice, put in a different cell from his father and brother.

LOCAL BOYS

Win Game from Wesleyan College Team by Small Margin.

The Clarksburg High school basketball five defeated the West Virginia Wesleyan College five in the fastest game that has been played here this season in the Christ church parish house Friday night by the score of 22 to 19.

The visitors have a very fast team and on a larger floor the local team would not be so apt to give them a trimming like they did last night. The game was a very rough one and much time was lost by arguing over the decisions of the referee and umpire which partly killed the interest in the game.

Captain Garrett and Heavener of the local team were the star performers as they worked well together and between them they made fifteen of the twenty-two points. Toothman of the visitors played a nice game and made a hit with the audience by his quiet and gentlemanly conduct during the game.

The visitors went to Fairmont Saturday morning where they will play the Fairmont Y. M. C. A. Saturday night. All the members of the local High five and those attending the game last night hope the Wesleyan boys will win from the Fairmont team.

NO POLICE COURT.

The docket was clear this morning in police court and no session of the court was held at the usual time. Policemen made no arrests since the last session and there were no cases pending.

A coroner's jury was empaneled composed of the following named citizens, to-wit: H. W. Armstrong, T. M. Richards, R. A. Fast, J. E. Kessler, J. H. Stewart and Eugene Prosser, and were duly sworn in the presence of the dead body, and the case continued until 2 p. m., to await the report of the physicians who were appointed to make an autopsy and report to the jury. This action was deemed necessary as there were no visible marks of violence on the body.

Hamrick was about 30 years of age and single. He was a son of Henry Hamrick, formerly of Braxton county, and has been employed by the various jobbers in the lumber woods about here for several years. He was a member in good standing in the Loyal Order of Moose at this place and had only come from a meeting of the lodge a short time before the sad occurrence.

The members of his lodge and some other parties have employed the law firm of Craig and Wolverton to appear and prosecute those accused of his murder.

The deceased man leaves a father and mother, several brothers and sisters and a host of friends to mourn his departure, to all of whom we extend condolence in their sorrow.

Exciting Time Of Our Consul

In the Recent Fighting between Russians and Persians is Related.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The American Consul at Tabriz, Mr. Gordon Paddock, had a decidedly exciting time during the recent fighting between Russians and Persians there, according to a letter from an old resident, which has just reached London.

The American Consulate is just in the shadow of the old citadel, popularly called the "Ark." The Ark was one of the principal targets for Russian artillery fire, and it was shelled hotly for several days. Many shells burst over the consulate buildings and around Mr. Paddock's house, but fortunately no one was injured.

mail to leave Tabriz after the fighting contains interesting news of the situation there.

A good many bodies of Russian soldiers were mutilated by the Persian Fedais, says the writer, "but there is no evidence, so far as I can discover, that there were any cases of torture, although the Russians insist that there were. A good many non-combatants were killed or wounded—how many is unknown—as might be expected in street fighting in a walled town like this. Some were killed in the Russian attacks on the houses occupied by the Fedais, near the Russian camp, but there was no such thing as a massacre of innocent women and children by the Russians. In fact, they took women and children as refugees into their camp during the fighting.

"Russian soldiers have done some looting and robbing, and they do not seem to be under perfect discipline. But since the arrival of the commanding general that has been pretty well suppressed, except that the Russian authorities have destroyed a good

This letter, which came by the first

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	1911	Gain over 1910
Total Income	\$200,046.45	\$14,614.89
Excess Income over Disbursements (Gain)	83,423.73	13,870.98
Total Assets	590,094.61	88,421.41
Total Business Outstanding	5,621,100.00	514,238.00
Reserves	286,802.70	78,261.22
Surplus to Policyholders including		
\$12,422.82 Special Reserve	279,237.80	17,375.32
Paid policyholders in 1911		\$ 47,374.74
Total paid policyholders since organization		\$137,165.64

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VALUABLE

Farm for Sale, Thursday, February 8, at the Court House, Clarksburg.

At the front door of the court house at Clarksburg, W. Va., on Thursday, February 8th, 1912, Elmer F. Goodwin, Special Commissioner, appointed by the Circuit Court of Harrison County for the purpose, will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the 112.56 acres of land known as the G. W. Brum Farm, near the town of Bridgeport, Harrison County, West Virginia.

This farm is convenient to town, lies well, has upon it several acres of valuable timber and is surrounded by three producing gas wells all within fifteen hundred feet of its boundaries. A splendid opportunity for investors. Terms: One-third cash, residue in two equal installments in one and two years. Sale begins at 1 o'clock p. m.

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